(f) whether his Ministry have taken any steps to re-examine these reports; and

(g) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) The groups, teams and committees were set up by this Ministry to go into the specific issues and were examined by the Govt.

(d) Some anomalies and discrepancies have been found in the reports of some committees and teams.

(c) to (g) These arc being re-examined. With regard to list of price-controlled drugs, a permanent body in the shape of Standing Committee has been constituted, which goes into such anomalies arid discrepancies.

Sales Turnover of Bulk Vitamins

2042. DR. RATNAXAR PANDEY. Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 731 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual sales turnover of each of the bulk vitamins is more than rupees fifty lakhs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that none of the bulk vitamir.s is being produced by the five producers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that none of the bulk vitamins fulfil any of the five exclusion criteria laid down by Kelkar Committee;

(d) if so, how vitamin Bl, B2 and B12 E, P, D3, Folic Acid, Nicotinic Acid and Niscinamidc have been price decontrolled; and

(c) what is the price indicated for price decontrolled vitamin bulk in the break-up submitted to his Ministry by producers as required under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir, except for Vitamin E and Nicotinic Acid.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The inclusion/exclusion of drugs in the Scheduled Categories under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 is based on the recommendation contained in the Main as well as Supplementary Report of the Kelkar Committee which was accepted by the then Covernment.

(e) The information to the extent available would be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Theft of electricity

2043. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated percentage of electricity loss due to theft of electricity; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such losses?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The transmission and distribution losses (including commercial losses such as pilferage etc.) in India are about 22%.

Comprehensive guidelines have been issued to the Power Utilities for reducing the losses. These include *inter alia,* conducting energy audit for identifying the system elements responsible for excessive losses, installing capacitors to improve the voltage profile, preparation of system improvement schemes for strengthening and improvement of their transmission and distribution systems, installing tamper proof meter boxes to check theft of energy and setting up vigilance squads to detects cases of theft of energy. The theft of energy has been made a cognizable offenge under the provisions of Section 29 of Indian Electricity Act, 1910. An Incentive Scheme was introduced by the Government of India with effect from the year 1987 for bringing about reduction in the Transmission and Distribution losses.

Based on the guidelines the Power Utilities have set up vigilance squads and

have been formulating system improvement schemes to strengthen and improve their transmission and distribution systems. 19898 persons were prosecuted and punished with fine or imprisonment or both, during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 for pilferage of energy. Prosecutions for the theft of energy were launched against 2023 persons during the year 1987-88. System Improvement Schemes in respect of 29 major urban areas have been prepared and these are under various stages of clearancesimplementation.

खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के अधीन कार्यरत बायोगैस विकास संयंत्र

2044. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के अधीन कार्यरत बायोगैस विकास संयंत्र बम्बई में स्थित है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संयंत्र की स्थापना बायोगैस के क्षेत्र में नए अनुसंधान कार्य करने के लिये की गई थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसकी स्थापना कब की गई थी और अनुसंधान के क्षेत्र में इस संस्थान की उपलब्धियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) उक्त संस्थान पर किये जाने वाले खर्च का कुल वार्षिक बजट कितना है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में लघु उद्योग एवं कृषि और ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) जी नहीं। के०वी०आई०सी० द्वारा स्थापित किया गया राष्ट्रीय नवीकरणीय उर्जा संस्थान (नेशनल इन्स्टिट्यूट ऑफ रिन्युएबल एनर्जी) नासिक में है।

(ख) यह केन्द्र न केवल बायो-गैस अनुसंधान के लिए बल्कि एक प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र के रूप में कार्य करने के लिए भी स्थापित किया गया था।

(ग) यह केन्द्र जुलाई, 1989 में स्थापित किया गया था। चूंकि यह केन्द्र हाल ही में स्थापित किया गया था इसलिए अनुसंधान कार्य के परिणाम यथा समय पर उपलब्ध होंगे।

(घ) इस अनुसंधान तथा प्रशिक्षण संस्थान पर 1989-90 के दौरान के०वी०आई०सी० का व्यय 10.54 लाख रु० के लगभग था।

Submision of Break-up of Non-Schcdulcd Formulations

2045. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is mandatory for every drug company to provide break-up of non-scheduled formulations to his Ministry under provision 11 of DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, the names of the non-scheduled finished medicines where companies have intimated MAPE more than 125%;

(c) what was the material cost, ex-factory cost and MAPE indicated for each formulation;

'(d) whether it is a fact that as per DPCO, 1987 every drug company has to submit Form 6 yearly;

(e) if so, the names of the companies and years tor which Form 6 was submitted by each;

(f) what are the names of non-scheduled bulk drugs whose sales turn over per year has been reported more than rupees fifty lakhs; and

(g) what are the reasons for inclusion of each under non-schedule list?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Such formulations being thousands in number, the time and labour involved in the exercise will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The information has been given in the Statement (See below).

(g) The list of price controlled drugs was finalised on the basis of the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee.